

later he was shot down and reported missing in action in France. A farmer found and sheltered him in a barn until the French Resistance could smuggle him out of danger.

For two years after the war she lived on an airbase in Ashiya, Japan, as part of the post-war occupation, but the marriage was strained by the time they returned to the States. She and her daughter moved into a one-bedroom apartment in a 5th floor walk-up in the Bronx already occupied by her own mother and teenage half-sister.

In 1949 she brought her daughter with her to Savannah, Georgia, where her husband was stationed on a Strategic Air Command Base, to obtain a divorce. She waitressed in a diner for \$25 a week plus tips, on the 3:00 to midnight shift, hiring a teenager for her daughter's after-school care. She met and married another airman, and after two years he shipped out to an operation in the Azores. Unfortunately, he died at the age of 33 after spending years in the service operating reuelers.

With an 11-year-old daughter to care for, Bernice could not indulge her grief. Instead, she moved back into that cramped Bronx apartment, and used some Air Force insurance money to take a course in switchboard. She became a receptionist and met Dan Rosenberg. They lived happily for many years, and when he passed on, Mrs. Rosenberg moved in with her daughter and her family while working full time and eventually moved to Florida and sold handbags at Macy's, finally retiring at age 70. Since then she has enjoyed a life of card games, friendships, and family. Although she uses a walker, she still dances every chance she gets.

Her family: daughter Sydelle Pittas and her husband Phillippe Koenig; her granddaughter Pilar Alessandra and husband Pat Francis along with their daughters Sara and Rita; granddaughter Chris Pittas; and granddaughter Michele Koenig Augieri and her husband Gary Shafner (who have just given her a great-grandson named Felix), join with many other nieces and nephews in paying tribute to Beatrice Rosenberg on her 90th birthday.

At 90, Mrs. Rosenberg still laughs heartily and will, no doubt, dance at her party.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 4 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 690, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 447, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 691, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2097, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 692, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2498, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 693, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 722, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING BRANDON MICHAEL REYNOLDS

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandon Michael Reynolds, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brandon has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Brandon has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brandon Michael Reynolds for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

NORTH CAROLINA REMEMBERS  
SENATOR RUSSELL G. WALKER,  
SR.

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, on September 2 North Carolina lost one of its most consequential and compassionate political leaders, former Senator Russell G. Walker, Sr., of Asheboro. Recent days have been filled with tributes from those of us who treasured the opportunity to know and work with Russell—former Governor Jim Hunt described him as "one of the most caring people I have ever met in politics." But untold thousands who never met Russell are also in his debt, by virtue of his work on mental health, maternal and child health, water quality, and other policy challenges during his ten terms in the North Carolina Senate.

Russell was born in 1918 in the community of Conetoe, in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and his family soon moved to High Point. During the Depression years Russell worked after school to help keep bread on the table and got into the grocery business, moving to Asheboro to manage a store at age 19. He married Ruth Brunt in 1941—the beginning of a 68-year marriage that warmed the hearts of all who knew them and of a family that includes three children, Russell, Jr., Steve, and Susan, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Russell enlisted in the Army Air Corps after Pearl Harbor and spent much of World War II "flying the hump," hauling troops, bombs, and fuel from India to China over the treacherous Himalayas. He founded his own supermarket chain, Food Line, after the war, and became a mainstay of civic, religious, and political life in Randolph County. Serving first on the Asheboro City Council, he gained election to the North Carolina Senate in 1974. While he is rightly known statewide for his pioneering and persistent work in health and human serv-

ices, citizens of Asheboro are well aware of many more local and tangible results of his service: the North Carolina Zoo (the strategic location of which, in Asheboro, was no accident!), highway U.S. 64, and the Asheboro airport.

I came to know Russell well in 1979–80, when I took a leave of absence from Duke University to serve as executive director of the North Carolina Democratic Party during his time as party chairman. We had a wonderful time riding North Carolina's roads together, visiting far-flung towns and counties and along the way talking for hours about every imaginable topic. I learned a great deal, especially, about Russell's wartime experience and the 1972 Nick Galifianakis Senate campaign, which Russell had managed and which was still fresh on his mind.

Above all, however, Russell and I became good friends, and I came to understand what a remarkable man he was—compassionate, fair and decent, firm in his own convictions but open to what he might learn from others, quick to spot another person's promise and to offer encouragement. These are qualities I treasured in my own father and which I have seen in few people to the extent they were exemplified by Russell Walker.

I could say more, Madam Speaker, about my indebtedness to Russell Walker as a mentor and for the encouragement and help he offered in 1986 and beyond as I began my own congressional career. But the most important and enduring point is the one about character, and I can underscore it with a story told by Lloyd Hamlet, a long-time friend of Russell's and mine, to the Asheboro Courier-Tribune last week.

A youngster was caught stealing food at one of Russell's stores. The police were called, but Russell intervened and had a talk with the boy. He said that there was no food at his house; his dad was not in the home and his mother was often away. Russell went with the boy to his home, learned more about his circumstances, and eventually left the house filled with food from his store.

Anyone who knew Russell Walker well would recognize him from that story. The story would be neither remembered nor recounted if Russell had reacted in the expected way. But we recall it fondly because of what it says about the man we knew and about the enduring power of love and kindness—a reversal, we may hope, of Shakespeare's famous dictum: it is the good that we do that endures. Certainly there is much good that Russell Walker did that lives after him—individual acts of kindness and encouragement, and social policies made more effective and humane by his years of legislative leadership. We are grateful for his life and the way he lived it and continue to be inspired by his example.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
SAULT STE. MARIE

### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, as it celebrates its 90th anniversary in the community. Over the years, the Rotary